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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED USG APPROACH TO INDONESIAN, MALAYSIAN AND SINGAPOREAN GOVERNMENTS ON KOREAN NAC MEMBERSHIP WITH YI SI-YONG, DIRECTOR OF MOFA UN DIVISION. YI SAID ROKG ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSES COORDINATED US-ROK APPROACH ON NAC MEMBERSHIP AS PROPOSED REFTTEL.

2. YI POINTED OUT ONE POSSIBLE COMPLICATION. FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO HAVE PRELIMINARY MEETING AUGUST 22, IN LIMA TO DISCUSS AGENDA. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JAKARTA AUGUST 19 TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTERS RITHAUDDEEN OF MALAYSIA AND RARATNAM OF SINGAPORE WILL PROBABLY ALSO ATTEND

THIS PRELIMINARY MEETING AND MAY ALSO LEAVE EARLY FOR LIMA. USG APPROACH WILL THUS HAVE TO BE MADE QUICKLY IN ORDER TO GET WORD TO FOREIGN MINISTERS IN TIME TO AFFECT DECISIONS AT IMPORTANT AUGUST 22 MEETING.

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3. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL, THEREFORE, IF EMBASSIES

COULD SEEK ASSURANCES FROM FONOFF THAT WORD OF U.S.
APPROACH WILL BE SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTERS PRIOR TO
AUGUST 22 MEETING, IF FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE NOT STILL
IN CAPITALS AT TIME OF USG APPROACH.
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